

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA
WESTERN DIVISION
No. 5:15-CR-101-BO


UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
v.
MICHAEL ANTONIO THOMPSON

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ORDER

Defendant seeks appointment of counsel to assist him with making a claim in light of *Sessions v. Dimaya*, 138 S. Ct. 1204 (2018). [DE 66 & 67]. Defendant's motions for appointment of counsel are DENIED WITHOUT PREJUDICE. There is no constitutional right to counsel in a collateral attack against one's conviction or sentence, *Pennsylvania v. Finley*, 481 U.S. 551, 555 (1987), and defendant has failed at this stage to demonstrate the extraordinary circumstances necessary for appointment of counsel. *See Cook v. Bounds*, 518 F.2d 779, 780 (4th Cir. 1975).

SO ORDERED, this 7 day of October, 2018.


TERRENCE W. BOYLE
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE